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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR
VEHICLES."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) For the purposes of
4 this section:

5 (1) "Alcoholic beverage" has the same meaning as provided in
6 section 30-1 of the general statutes;

7 (2) "Highway" has the same meaning as provided in section 14-1 of
8 the general statutes;

9 (3) "Open alcoholic beverage container" means a bottle, can, jar or
10 other receptacle (A) that contains any amount of an alcoholic beverage,
11 and (B) (i) that is open or has a broken seal, or (ii) the contents of which
12 are partially removed;

13 (4) "Passenger" means any occupant of a motor vehicle other than
14 the operator; and

15 (5) "Passenger area" means (A) the area designed to seat the
16 operator of and any passenger in a motor vehicle while such vehicle is
17 being operated on a highway, and (B) any area that is readily
18 accessible to such operator or passenger while such person is in a
19 seated position; except that, in a motor vehicle that is not equipped
20 with a trunk, "passenger area" does not include a locked glove
21 compartment, the area behind the last upright seat or an area not
22 normally occupied by the operator of or passengers in such motor
23 vehicle.

24 (b) No person shall consume an alcoholic beverage or possess an
25 open alcoholic beverage container within the passenger area of a motor
26 vehicle while such motor vehicle is on a highway in the state.

27 (c) The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to:
28 (1) A passenger in a motor vehicle designed, maintained and primarily
29 used for the transportation of persons for hire, and (2) a passenger in
30 the living quarters of a recreational vehicle, as defined in section 14-1
31 of the general statutes.

32 (d) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of this
33 section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars.

34 Sec. 502. (*Effective October 1, 2003*) Section 53a-213 of the general
35 statutes is repealed."